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SUBJ: WCL-ICFTU AND BUU

REF VIENNA 5699

1. TRAN QUOC BUU TOLD LABATT ON JULY 10 THAT TODAY, AFTER TWO MONTHS, HE HAD FINALLY REPLIED TO AN ICFTU LETTER THAT OFFERED \$10,000 IN ASSISTANCE FOR ORGANIZING UNORGANIZED WORKERS IN VIETNAM. BUU SAID THAT HIS LETTER DOES NOT REJECT THE ICFTU OFFER, "BUT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I CANNOT ACCEPT THE OFFER AND THE MATTER WILL BE FINISHED."

2. BUU'S PROBLEM WITH THE ICFTU OFFER IS COMPLICATED BY HIS DECISION TO DISAFFILIATE WITH THE WORLD CONFEDERATION OF LABOR (WCL) WHEN THE CVT HAS ITS CONVENTION IN OCTOBER. BUU DOES NOT WANT TO APPEAR AS THOUGH HE HAS BEEN BOUGHT BY THE ICFTU.

3. THE DECISION TO DISAFFILIATE WITH THE WCL, BUU SAID, IS  
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REALLY DUE TO THE CVT DISSATISFACTION WITH THE QUESTIONABLE

ACTIVITIES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE  
WCL. BUU ALSO CLAIMED THAT WCL GENERAL SECRETARY JEAN  
BRUCK NEVER WON ANY FRIENDS IN THE CVT.

4. CVT WILL DISAFFILIATE WITH WCL AND REMAIN INDEPENDENT FOR  
AN UNDETERMINED PERIOD OF TIME, AND THEN WILL AFFILIATE WITH THE  
ICFTU.

5. IN PREPARATION FOR THE CVT CONVENTION IN OCTOBER, BUU PRO-  
VIDED LABATT WITH A LIST OF OVERSEAS UNIONS THAT HAVE BEEN INVITED  
TO SEND FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS TO THE CONVENTION. THE LIST CON-  
TAINS 112 TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING EVERY  
CONTINENT EXCEPT ANTARTICA. THIRTY-EIGHT ON THE LIST ARE  
AMERICAN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL UNIONS. A COPY OF THE  
LIST IS BEING POUCHED TO EA LABOR ADVISOR ROBERT A SENSER.  
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